

Testimony on House Bill 155– Favorable
HB155 - Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings

Judiciary Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christina M Yuan, MD and I am a resident of Prince George’s County, Maryland. I am writing in support of **HB155 – Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Prohibition on Face Coverings**

I am a retired physician, and although I wore a mask not infrequently when working, it was not to hide my identity. A health care provider always introduces themselves, explains their role, and wears a nametag. The use of the mask (and sometimes even higher levels of personal protective equipment) is to prevent the transmission of disease, and to keep patients and providers safe. I wasn’t using the mask to hide my identity from the patient, their family, or other health care providers.

It equally important for the rule of law, public trust, and public safety that all law enforcement officers be able to be identified. ICE and CBP officers must not wear masks to conceal their identity. They must have visible identification and uniform standards. Otherwise, community members are being attacked and detained by masked, armed unidentifiable people, who may or may not be officials. Our local law enforcement officers are easily identifiable as such. We should require that federal officers meet the same standard—we have a right to know who our federal, state and local law enforcement officers are.

Please vote in favor of HB155-Public Safety-Law Enforcement Officers-Prohibition on Face Coverings.

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